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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please enter the amendments  
below.

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

#### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent application serial No. 08/788,820, filed January 23, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/612,999, filed March 8, 1996, and of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/701,382, filed August 22, 1996, the disclosures of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

### In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-6, 8-12 and 22-29.

## REMARKS

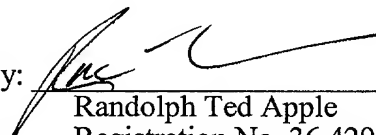
The specification has been amended to correctly recite the priority claim. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The amendments are shown in the attachment entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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